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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF PAO HUTCHISON: KIDNAPPERS USING PRESS AND RA  
DIO

FOR COMMUNICATION

1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT POLICE WOULD CUT  
TELEPHONE LINE FROM VENEZUELAN CONSULATE AND DESPITE RADIO  
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT POLICE HAD ASKED RADIO STATIONS NOT TO BROADCAST  
INTERVIEWS WITH KIDNAPPERS--KIDNAPPERS ARE STILL HOLDING INTERVIEWS  
WITH  
NEWSMEN DIRECTLY FROM CONSULATE AS OF THIS AFTERNOON. FRANCISCO  
PASQUAL SANTANA MONTERO AND RHADAMES MENDEZ VARGAS (FULL BIO  
DATA ON BOTH IS AVAILABLE IN DEPT.) GRANTED INTERVIEWS.

2. SANTANA GAVE RADIO NEWSMAN INFORMATION THAT KIDNAPPERS  
BELONG TO GROUP OF 23 COMMANDOS OF 12 JANUARY LIBERATION  
MOVEMENT. HE SAID CAPTIVES INCLUDED CONSUL AND VICE CONSUL  
OF VENEZUELA ALONG WITH PAO HUTCHISON, AND 2 SECRETARIES, A  
SPANISH, A CHINESE AND A DOMINICAN CITIZEN. THE COMMANDOS ARE  
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A SPECIAL UNIT FORMED FOR THIS SPECIFIC ACTION. HE REFERRED TO

NEGOTIATIONS BEING CONDUCTED THROUGH A COMMISSION MADE UP, AMONG OTHERS, OF SANTO DOMINGO AUXILIARY ARCHBISHOP HUGO POLANCO BRITO, SALVADOR PITTALUGA NIVAR (A RESPECTED TV COMMENTATOR) AND ONE OTHER WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT RECALL, (WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS RAFAEL HERRERA, EDITOR OF LISTIN DIARIO, WHO IS OUT OF TOWN). UASD RECTOR, DR. HUGO TOLENTINO DIPP WAS TO BE MEMBER OF COMMISSION BUT IS ABSENT FROM COUNTRY.

3. SPOKESMAN FOR KIDNAPPERS, RHADAMES MENDEZ VARGAS, TOLD REPORTER THAT ACTION WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE LIBERTY "OF OUR IMPRISONED COMPANIONS." HE SAID COMMUNIQUE HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO PRESS BUT HE DID NOT HAVE IT IN HAND, EXCEPT FOR INTRODUCTION WHICH WANT "FALL WHO MAY, OUR FINAL EFFORT WILL ALWAYS BE THE IRREVERSIBLE CONTINUITY ON THE PATH TAKEN BY OUR FALLEN COMPANIONS." THIS PHRASE HE ATTRIBUTED TO "OUR GLORIOUS COMMANDER, DR. PLINIO MATOS MOQUETE." HE WENT ON TO NAME 4 PRISONERS WHO MUST BE LIBERATED: DR. PLINIO MATOS MOQUETE, RAFAEL FRANCISCO TAVERAS ROSARIO (FAFA), ELIGIO ANTONIO BLANCO PENA AND MANUEL ANTONIO MATOS MOQUETE." HE SAID IN TOTAL SOME 37 OR 40 PRISONERS ARE INVOLVED.

4. ASKED ABOUT THE REQUEST FOR MONEY, MENDEZ VARGAS SAID "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE TO PAY A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE RELEASE OF BARBARA HUTCHISON."

5. AS FOR OTHER PLANS, MENDEZ VARGAS SAID "OUR PLAN IS TO TRAVEL TO MEXICO IF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE EXILE TO US AS WELL AS TO OUR IMPRISONED COMPANIONS. HERE, HOWEVER, IF THE POLICE ATTEMPT TO ENTER--I SPOKE DIRECTLY TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND HE PROMISED THAT HIS MEN WOULD NOT ENTER THE GARDENS OF THE CONSULATE. NOW, WE HAVE FORTIFIED AN AREA WHICH PERMITS US A CERTAIN MOBILITY AND, IN ADDITION, WE HAVE MINED IT COMPLETELY. IF THE POLICE TRY TO ENTER, OUR LAST RECOURSE WILL BE THIS ONE -- TO BLOW UP THE BUILDING. EVERYTHING IS HOOKED UP BY A COPPER WIRE CONNECTED TO A BATTERY WHICH WE HAVE WITH US HERE, NOTHING ELSE. THE DESTINY OF THESE PEOPLE AND EVERYTHING BAD THAT MAY HAPPEN WILL BE THE UNIQUE AND EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE YANKEE AND BALAGUERISTA GOVERNMENT OF BALAGUER."

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6. COMMENT: OF THE FOUR MEN WHO WERE SPECIFICALLY NAMED AS BEING THOSE WHOSE RELEASE WOULD BE DEMANDED, ONLY TWO ARE CONSIDERED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE 12TH OF JANUARY MOVEMENT, MANUEL AND PLINIO MATOS MOQUETE. ELIGIO ANTONIO BLANCO PENA WAS A MEMBER OF THE RED LINE FACTION 14TH OF JUNE, MR14J, BUT QUIT THAT ORGANIZATION IN OCTOBER 1972 BECAUSE IT WAS BECOMING "TOO BOURGEOIS". IT IS BELIVED THAT HE MIGHT HAVE ENTERED THE MOVIMIENTO POPULAR DOMINICANO (MPD). THE FOURTH MAN, RAFAEL

FRANCISCO TAVERAS ROSARIO ("FAFA") IS DEFINITELY A MPD MEMBER  
--THE BEST KNOWN LEFTIST LEADER NOW IN PRISON. THE INCLUSION  
OF TWO NON-12TH OF JANUARY MEMBERS IN THE LIST OF THOSE  
PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO ASSUME  
THAT THE GROUP WHICH CARRIED OUT THE KIDNAPPING MIGHT HAVE  
HAD TIES WITH OTHER LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS.  
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